



# Federated Church

## A Place to Belong

June/July

2022

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Philippians 4:8 reminds us that *whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things*. That sure sounds good, but are we putting it into practice? Based on most conversations I've been having with folks recently, I'd have to say "No, we're not." It seems we're focused on what's going wrong, on the negative stuff that's always around us, and the voices that seek to divide us. Cable news and political theater seem to take center stage, demanding that our focus and our attention and our time are better spent elsewhere.

Now I'm not going to suggest for a moment that we ignore what's going on in the world around us, nor am I going to suggest what channel to watch or newspaper to read. Instead, I'm going to suggest (even though I really want to use the word 'insist'), that we spend at least as much time in Scripture and prayer as we do on current events and media reports. I would further challenge each of us to spend as much time in praise and thanksgiving as we do in opinion sharing or fact checking whoever we disagree with at the moment.

Can you imagine the change that might happen? Can you imagine the possibilities that might unfold? I can, and I hope you will join me.

Pastor Ken



## **2022 Graduates**

The Federated Church congratulates our graduates from Mount Markham:

AnNi Carroll & Gabi Dixon

## **Baccalaureate Service**

The annual baccalaureate ceremony will take place on Wed., June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the St. Joseph The Worker Church. All graduates and families are invited to attend. Graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns.

## **THE ANNUAL FARM PROGRESS SHOW IS BACK ON!**

The dates are Friday and Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 150 pies are needed. We can only accept non-refrigerated pies as we have no capacity to keep pies cool. The pie tins are available at the church, please use these to keep size of pies uniform. Why not pick up some now and make your pies ahead and freeze them. If you have any questions, please call Karen Livingston at 315-822-3164. Thank you.



**RETURNS TO THE FEDERATED CHURCH  
ON FRIDAY**

**PATHFINDER 40th ANNIVERSARY VILLAGE | JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



We are happy to be welcoming Pathfinder Produce. They will be here on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am - 1:00pm.



Download our app and keep up to date on everything happening here at the Federated Church.



Join us in person every Tuesday for Coffee, Clergy, & Conversation.

## **Applying Bible Principles**

The Apostle Paul was a most interesting character whose life almost jumps off the pages of the Bible. He was converted to Christ on the road to Damascus and personified the change described in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that comes to a believer in Christ as “everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” Even his name changed from Saul of Tarsus to Paul.

That change did not bring with it a life of ease, comfort and pleasure. To the contrary, consider a few of the problems Paul listed in 2 Corinthians 11: Five times he was beaten with 39 stripes; he was shipwrecked three times; he spent at least 24 hours lost at sea; he listed perils of waters, robbers, his countrymen, the Gentiles, the city, the wilderness, and false brethren. And if that weren't enough, he was burdened with the care of all the churches.

As a result, the mighty Apostle Paul spent his time telling everyone he could about all of his problems so that people would feel sorry for him. Over and over, he repeated his litany as part of his solicitation for offerings. Right? Wrong! In all of his writings, he mentions these difficulties only twice.

Here's his testimony: “Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have” (Phil. 4:11). One translation uses the word “state” instead of “circumstances.” The Apostle wasn't talking about New York, Michigan, or Florida when he referred to “state.” Not at all. He was speaking of his condition. Whatever God sent his way, he was content. When he was hungry. When he was thirsty. When he didn't have adequate clothing. When he was beaten for the sake of the Gospel. When he was persecuted.

In light of all of his problems and difficulties, how could he say that he was “content”? Several answers to that question come to mind, including this one two verses later (Phil. 4:13) in which he described his relationship with Christ, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” In the final analysis, his ability to be “content” was not dependent on his circumstances or his possessions. His contentment was based on his relationship to Christ, on pleasing Christ, on uplifting Christ, on glorifying Christ and on being strengthened by Christ.

Or to put it another way, he had learned what is really important in life, just as he had learned what is really unimportant. Have you learned that lesson? If so, you can say with Paul, “For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.”



Fed Teens will be on summer break after their June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.



There will be not separate newsletter in July. There will be an August newsletter. This will enable all Sept. events to be announced early. If you have a Sept. event please make sure you get the information into the office by the end of July.

# June

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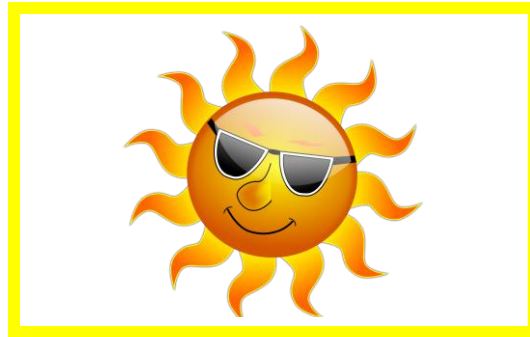
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			1	2	3 11:00am-1:00pm Pathfinder Produce	4
5 9:30 am Worship Service  Communion	6 7:00 pm Bldgs. & Grds. Finance	7 9:30-11:00 am Coffee, Clergy & Conversation	8	9	10	11
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19 9:30 am Worship Service Father's Day	20 7:00 pm Church Council	21 9:30-11:00 am Coffee, Clergy & Conversation	22	23	24	25
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3 9:30 am Worship Service	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Church Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
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